

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2238

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2121
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2121
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to permit insured
patients to assign insurance reimbursement for dental services
directly to their dentist of choice.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Dental Association and nine individuals. Your
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from
the Hawaii Medical Service Association and Hawaii Dental Service.

Your Committee finds that the accessibility and affordability
of proper dental services are continuing problems in the State.
Your Committee further finds that the current restrictions
regarding assignment of reimbursement for dental services
discourage and limit patients' right to choose their own dentist.
This measure reduces some barriers for the people of this State to
receive proper dental care and services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2050, to
encourage further discussion; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2121, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2121, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Health
HTH

Bill / Resolution No.: SB 2121	Committee Referral: HTH, CPN	Date: 2-3-14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, M.D., Josh (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)		✓		
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	2	1	-	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes